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Responsive to Paper No. 8, a notice of insufficiency in the above-captioned patent application dated November 15, 2002, the time for response thereto being extended by virtue of the petition and extension fee submitted herewith, and in light of the Interview extended undersigned counsel by Examiner Dionne Walls on February 11, 2003, for which Applicant is grateful, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, below the Title, please insert the following paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/299,403  
filed April 26, 1999, now abandoned.--.

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